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SUBJ: SARAJEVO MILITARY BAND FESTIVAL

1. MILITARY BANDO OF SEVEN NATIONS MASSED ON FLOOR OF
SARAJEVO'S APCIOUS SKENDERIJA CENTER SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE
1, TO END SIXTH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MILITARY BANDS.

2. EMPHASIS WAS ON LIGHTER, LESS MARTIAL, MUSIC THIS YEAR AS
BANDS PICKED UP AUDIENCE WITH MISIC WITH BEAT, SUCH AS "VRUCER
RAG" AND "WHEN THE SAINTS COME MARCHING IN" BY AMERICAN
REPRESENTATIVES, US AIR FORCE BAND IN EUROPE (USAFE) OTHER BANDS
WERE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, HUNGARY, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC, USSR AND HOST COUNTRY, YUGOSLAVIA.

3. EARLIER IN WEEK GROUPS HAD PARADED THROUGH SARAJEVO AND
THEN GAVE HOUR-LONG OPEN AIR CONCERTS AT SKENDERIJA CENTER.
DURING NONPERFORMING HOURS, BANDSMEN MINGLED WITH TOURISTS
AND SARAJEVANS IN CITY'S OLD SECTION, SIGHTSEEING AND BUYING
SOURVENIRS.

4. SATURDAY NIGHT'S FINALE, WHICH ENDED WITH MASSED BANDS
PLAYING "ODE TO JOY" FROM BECTHOVENS'S NINTH SYMPHONY, WAFT
NATIONALLY TELEVISED.
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